GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4089
ANSWERED ON:10.04.2003
DARJEELING HIMALAYAN RAILWAY
MINATI SEN;SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are going to sell out the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway to the "Indian Railway Catering& Trading Corporation" with a future plan to abolish the Internationally Declared Heritage Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government are aware that this decision is likely to create hindrance in respect of economic, employment and law and order of the sensitive hilly region of North Bengal; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) to (d): Do not arise.